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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on June 18,2002 received in connection with the above-identified application, Applicants provide the following amendments and remarks. Applicants submit herewith a (i) Petition to Extend Time to Response for a period of Three Months up to and including December 18, 2002; (iii) a Declaration of Dr. George K. Michalopoulos and Dr. William C. Bowen; and (iii) a Request for Continued Examination.

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